

SUBJECT No. 217.

The Health Department.

Messrs. Krishnasastri, Krishnarajpete taluk, and Anniah Pandit, District Board, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—In connection with the work turned out by the Health Department, some discussion ensued last year and the Senior Surgeon read out a lengthy reply in answer to the queries put by some members and his speech is published in the Proceedings of the Representative Assembly in extenso. In all matters brought forward for discussion by the members, the final reply was hitherto being given by the President of the Assembly, but last year, the reply to this subject was given by the Senior Surgeon. As this is not in accordance with the practice, the subject is again urged for consideration by the President.

We pray that, if, in the course of discussions, any objectionable statements are made, such statements may be eliminated from the Proceedings.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. Only a brief report of the discussions will be embodied in the proceedings.

SUBJECT No. 218.

Lectures on Sanitary Laws.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The Health Officers and the Sanitary Inspectors may be directed to popularise, within their jurisdiction, the observance of Sanitary Laws, both by lectures and informal talk.

Reply of Government.—This is being done now.

SUBJECT No. 219.

Decline of the malnad population.

Messrs. Venkataramaiya, Manjarabad taluk, C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Municipality, Shiva Rao, and Manjiah, Chikmagalur Municipality, Puttanna Gowda, Tirthahalli taluk, A. Narasimha Iyengar, Sagar taluk, C. Vamana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the question of the decline of the malnad population was mooted last year, the Government were pleased to state that the subject was engaging attention. A reference to the recent Census figures of the Manjarabad taluk for instance, will show that during the last ten years the population in this malnad taluk has decreased by 8,000. Pray therefore that in order to ascertain the real causes of the depopulation in the malnad, a committee may be appointed early to enquire deep into the matter, and also to consider and devise measures for arresting it, and for repopulating the malnad. One great cause of insanitation in villages is the rearing of pigs which are a source of great annoyance.

Reply of Government.—The question is being investigated in the Sanitary Department.

SUBJECT No. 220.

Improvement of the general health of the school-going population in the malnad.

(2) Mr. Ramanujaiengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As enlarged spleen is a general disease in the malnad, it is prayed that for its prevention among the school-going population, physical exercise may be introduced into all schools and that quinine may be supplied to all schoolboys free of cost in the malnad.

In Belthodu and other villages of the Harnhalli hobli of the Hunsur taluk, separate places have not been set apart for storing manure.

Reply of Government.—(1) Noted.

(2) Orders have been issued for setting apart places for storing manure. Enquiry will be made as to why places have not been set apart in the Harnhalli hobli, Hunsur taluk.

SUBJECT No. 221.

Increasing the number of vaccinators.

Messrs. Adappa, Tumkur taluk, and Hanumantha Rao, Devanahalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) There is only one vaccinator at present for every taluk. One vaccinator cannot visit each and every village even once in a year. Hence many children remain unprotected. It is therefore requested that one or two additional vaccinators may be appointed for each taluk and that some allowance be given to them in addition to their pay so that they may visit each and every village in the taluk oftener.

(b) Patels who keep the birth and death registers may be made to note therein whether the village was visited by the vaccinator and how many people were vaccinated.

Reply of Government.—(a) Vaccinators visit villages according to a programme previously made. There is no necessity to increase the number of vaccinators.

(b) Noted.

SUBJECT No. 222.

Destruction of lantana.

Messrs. M. Subba Rao, Heggadevankote taluk, and Sura Sastry, Chikballapur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The growth of lantana has become very extensive. It is prayed that a rule be framed directing the destruction of the same by the people in their respective villages, gomal lands, kavals, etc. Arrangements may also be made for awarding medals to those that remove lantana on a large scale. Lantana and prickly-pear are very useful as manure.

Reply of Government.—A note explaining the usefulness of lantana and prickly-pear as manure may be got published in the *Vrittanta Patrika* or the *Vokkaligara Patrika*. It can also be published in the *Revenue and Agricultural Gazette*. [In an official paper published as a supplement to the *Mysore Gazette* some time ago, reference has been made to an insect which destroys lantana growth.]

SUBJECT No. 223.

Sanitary improvements in taluk headquarters.

Mr. Venkataramaiya, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 224.

Extension of village sites.

Messrs. Mahalinganna, Hassan taluk, and Ramaswamisetty, Arkalgud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) Consequent on the increase of population, as shown in the recent Census, there has been difficulty for suitable sites for building houses in villages. The existing village sites or “gavtans” allotted a long time ago are insufficient. Pray therefore that during resurvey, arrangements may be made to extend